

pouring down rain. We sang as a group and Joni Kennett and her mother, Donna Beth, entertained us by singing "Old Shep." We traveled through Hittsau Interunfall and Zallamt Schaanwald. At 6:30 p.m., we arrived at the border of the tiny Principality of Liechtenstein. It is linked to Switzerland by Postal and Monetary agreements. There were Swiss Guards at the border. Liechtenstein covers an area of 62 square miles. It is the last vestige of the Roman Empire. It is wedged between Switzerland and Austria. It is a constitutional Monarchy with a Parliament of 15 members. It is governed with efficiency that balances the National budget, which hasn't been achieved in other countries. The present Ruler is Prince Franz-Joseph II, acceded in 1938. It is a contented country where the currency is the Swiss frank, but the postage stamps are highly individual. The Rhine River forms the Western border. The mountains surrounding are 8,000 feet high. It is a beautiful place with meadows, woods, good fishing streams, and skiing, as we found out the next morning. Vaduz is the Capital.

We assumed that our reservations at the Vaduzhoff had been made, as it was on our itinerary. As we drove up to the hotel, we noticed there were no lights on inside. As we got closer, we could see it was closed. The windows and doors were boarded up. It was still raining. Tony drove down another street and there was another "Vaduzerhoff" with one small light in a window. No warm welcome awaited us tonight. A woman peeked out the window and the light went out. Uncle George and Neal went in the hotel and made arrangements for us to stay that night. The woman was a tenant and was ready to leave for work, but she took time to find the room keys for us and told us to be sure that the last one in tonight, "locks the door". So, we had the Vaduzerhoff all to ourselves. It was a nice place. Our beds had clean linen, there was an elevator and a stairway, but the place was cold and damp. After checking our rooms and refreshing ourselves, we walked down the road to the nearest restaurant